

- - STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATION - -

Followed by the following paragraph:

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CONCL- --This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No.
60/261,693 entitled "Carousel File System," filed January 12, 2001. - -

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-34 are pending.

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment before the first Office Action.

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5), the specification is amended to add the priority claim to prior provisional application 60/261,693.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the change made to the specification by this preliminary amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**".

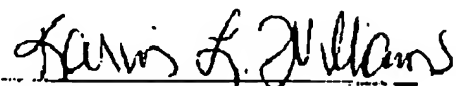
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this application is entitled to the benefit of priority under 35 USC 119(e) to the prior provisional application referred to above. Applicant further submits that Claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

FEES

If there are any fees due and owing in respect to this amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,

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